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HON. WM. B. ALLISON, of IOWA.—A dangerous Presidential competitor in 1900. Politicians say it may be Allison and Roosevelt.



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Our public schools are progressing nicely.

What can you expect when you tell an untruth.

The Police trial board is a great institution.

Will the Commissioners recommend a change in the jury system in the Police Court?

Congressman White is to be complimented on his speech.

Are there to be any more banquets?

The 2nd Baptist literary is in need of a new head.

Will Bishop Johnson make a change?

Speak what you know and nothing more.

Never tell your friends all you know, it will not pay.

It is not well always to play tricks on your friends!

Register Lyons, knows when to talk and what to talk about.

We often get conceited to our detriment.

The President will not appoint a negro general or colonel.

In our effort sometimes to injure others we injure ourselves.

A sample of the above is beautifully illustrated in the case of the recently rejected negro lieutenant.

Dr. Phill B. Brooks is a popular physician.

we can do with out those who elevate us

White men may find it unhealthy to go to Cuba.

Rev. Taylor of Shiloh will start another literary soon.

Some people talk too much, especially when they are in trouble.

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John F. Cook would make an excellent treasurer of Howard University.

Major Sylvester makes an excellent chief of police.

Do your duty. It is noble.

The Afro-American council was a fizzle.

C. Maurice Smith would make a judge.

The people don't want offices of the justice of the peace abolished.

Some people cannot etc... prosperity

Never allow a position to turn your head

There should be one colored bailiff in the Police Court.

You should never be impressed with the idea that you know it all.

You should never allow conceit to control your better judgement.

The Senate committee will investigate the Police Court.

Think wisely and express yourself intelligently.

The South may be reconstructed some time soon.

The republican party will have a hard struggle in 1900.

Never despise the day of small things.

The bogus committee of the Afro-American council should disband.

If you are honest you need have a fear of doing your duty.

The negro pulpit is in need of a reorganization.

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### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

There is but little patriotism among the colored schools and colored orators in the celebration of Washington's Birthday. We all know that Washington was a slave holder and that he believed in slavery. A man who once held the negro in bondage certainly could not have been such a great or good man as some people desire to picture him. Washington was opposed to British aggression; he was opposed to foreign invasion and what may have been a fact, he believed in negro oppression. It is quite natural that the negro would be opposed to those who kept their ancestors in bondage. The negro would much rather commemorate Lincoln's birthday. The white teachers and pupils would naturally appreciate this day. They came out in the best attire. The colored teachers to a great extent make an exception. Some of the persons who had been selected by the Board of Trade failed to put in an appearance.

### COL. MYRON M. PARKER.

There is not a more patriotic citizen in this city than Col. Myron M. Parker, formerly a commissioner for the District of Columbia. He is a representative republican who has always been willing and ready to further the success of his party. He has perhaps, raised more money for the republican national campaign committees than any other republican in this city and has received less from the administration than any one else. Notwithstanding this fact he is for the renomination and reelection of President McKinley. Col. Parker has the confidence and support of a large majority of the republicans in this city and is undoubtedly their choice for delegate to the next national republican convention. The republicans as well as the BEE have the most abiding faith in him and believe that he is the best man to represent the republican party in this city in the councils of the party. There have already been clubs organized in this city known as the Myron Republican League and their standard bearer is Col. Myron M. Parker. What the republican party in this city is in need of is a representative like Col. Parker and to that end the republicans will work.

### BY INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS.

It is a fact that cannot be denied that the colored race is doomed to oppressions. The negro can only rise by individual efforts and not as a mass. It is well for the colored people to look at this question squarely. The negro must divide on party questions. He must be able to support men and measures. There is no dodging the question, notwithstanding what pulpit orators and stump speakers and politicians may say, the negro must divide. He must think for himself and rise from the slums individually.

The weather last week was the severest the people ever witnessed in this city.

### HOW THE NEGRO CAN SUCCEED.

The democrats in the South have resorted to every scheme to get rid of the negro; they have killed him, but that doesn't seem to work; they have deprived him of his property which has resulted in a lost to them and their last scheme is to disfranchise him and allow the ignorant and vicious whites to rule to which our esteemed contemporary the Post condemns and blushes at the idea. The BEE would suggest to the negroes in this country to divide and support men and not party. Where there is a good man, be he a democrat or republican, populist or a socialist, if he is a good man support him. No matter what his religious creed or political belief is. The negro must act like the white man in politics if he wishes to succeed. He should make himself just as hard to be guessed as any other nationality. The old maxim, that we freed you; should be forgotten. The northern democratic negro is succeeding well. The northern democrat finds the negro to be a political necessity. When the South can look upon him as such he is bound to succeed and not until then. The negro must do his own thinking and throw aside this false leadership.

### MRS. CURTIS.

Among the many ladies who have come to this city, there have been none who have shown the enterprise and their usefulness to the colored people as Mrs. Curtis, the most amiable wife of the Surgeon-in-chief of the Freedmen's Hospital. During the short period that she has been among the citizens of Washington she has done more real work to alleviate the condition of the poor than any lady of color in this city. Mrs. Curtis is an unselfish person and one any race would honor and respect. The BEE is too glad to be able to speak of such a person, especially if it will inspire many more of the influential colored ladies of this city. One thing about Mrs. Curtis, she has no selfish motives in view. She has identified herself with the people and it is the duty of the people to encourage her. During the storm Mrs. Curtis, from the personal knowledge of the BEE, was the only lady identified with the race who rendered any material service in distributing aid to the poor colored people. In fact very little was contributed by the more fortunate class of the colored people. The people are in need of women like Mrs. Curtis who is not like many of our women, working for notoriety. Her heart and soul were in the work and on behalf of the citizens the BEE tenders her thanks.

### OUR CHIEF OF POLICE.

Major Sylvester has certainly made a good record since he has been the Chief of Police. There has never been a man at the head of that department who has demonstrated so much executive ability and placed the force in such fine working condition. The BEE congratulates its new chief and predicts for him a successful administration. Chief Boardman of the detective department, is also making a good officer. Chief Boardman is a gentleman of honor and one who respects his men.

North Carolina has at last completed its hellish deed. The Post has hung its head in shame. When the Post blushes what may be expected from others?

Col. Wm. Jennings Bryan will be the candidate of the democratic party in 1900.

Col. Bob Ingersoll is to lecture in this city on the Devil. Col. Ingersoll could employ his time in a better business.

Judge Scott is opposed to making any more improvements on the Police Court. He wants a new building. The people agree with him.

### THEY WERE MANY.

From the Southern Herald.  
Will some member of the Afro-American council inform who are those persons that wanted to tender a vote of thanks to McKinley? What says the Planet, the Colored American, the Age, the BEE.

There were many members of the council who wanted and did endorse President McKinley. All the bishops of the A. M. E. church as it was an A. M. E. Council; Register Lyons, Recorder Cheatham. There were many on the fence, who were looking for an office. Those who denounced him were those who had failed to obtain an office. And when the committee called at the White House, they were rebuked, but the southern men charged the northern members of the council with having criticised the President.

District republicans are looking in vain for recognition under the District government.

Hon. John P. Green is one of the most able speakers in this country.

Congressman White is beyond doubt the best negro representative the South has sent to Congress. Mr. White is honest, truthful and reliable.

### THREE NEGROES ARE SWUNG.

A MOB TAKES THEM FROM THE JAIL AT LEESBURG, GA.—THEY WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

### Committed An Atrocious Crime.

GOV. CANDLER ORDERED OUT A COMPANY OF STATE MILITIA UPON DEMAND OF SHERIFF FOR TROOPS.

From the Dallas Sunday News.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 11.—A mob of masked men entered the county jail at Leesburg at midnight tonight, took out three negroes and lynched them. The sheriff advised Gov. Candler at 1 o'clock Sunday morning that he was compelled to give them up to prevent a wholesale butchery. The mob was well organized and appeared at the jail at midnight. The sheriff declined to give up the keys and the mob quickly battered down the doors. Seeing they were in earnest the sheriff hailed the mob and asked them what they wanted. They replied: "Cupid Redding, and we want him quick."

The sheriff told them that he could not give up the man and he ordered the mob to retire. Before he had finished the sentence, however, the enraged men had battered down another door, and stood in the inclosure with thirteen negroes.

"Now then," said the leader, "give us Redding or we'll take them all." The sheriff seeing his efforts at peace were unavailing, pointed out the man. From Redding the mob ascertained who his two "helpers" were and soon had them bound, and from out the trembling and cowed lot of prisoners dragged the unfortunates forth into the night.

In a few moments they were on their way to the woods and nothing more was seen of the mob. The names of Redding's accomplices are not known. Gov. Candler tonight ordered a company of state militia of forty-five men from Alabama to Leesburg to prevent, if possible, the lynching of a negro at the latter place.

It was reported to the governor that a party of lynchers would take the regular night train at Smithville and come to Leesburg for the purpose of lynching the negroes. The governor was not informed of the negro's name, but was told that he had been arrested and jailed at Leesburg during the afternoon. The governor then ordered a company of military to proceed on special train from Albany to Leesburg. He also instructed the railroad people to hold the regular train at Smithville until the militia arrived at Leesburg. Gov. Candler did not know whether the militia had any arms and tried to communicate with the corps commander of the United States Army camped at Albany, but that official could not be reached.

The three black men lynched were believed to have been concerned in an assault on a Mrs. Maroney, which was one of the most atrocious crimes of the century. John Maroney is a school teacher near Leesburg. Late in December last his house was entered by Cupid Redding and two companions. The leader of the black trio ordered Mrs. Maroney to tie her husband's hands behind his back, after which they bound him to a bed. The negroes then ransacked the house and, having completed this part of their work, Redding assaulted Mrs. Maroney in sight of her helpless and infuriated husband. The negroes escaped and, although the state offered heavy rewards, the negro was not captured until this afternoon. His two accomplices however, whose names are unknown, were arrested ten days ago.

Gov. Candler at midnight said he had heard nothing from Leesburg since the sheriff asked for troops earlier in the evening. He said he had feared the militia would not arrive in time and had no doubt of the truth of the report. Leesburg has no night operator and information by telegraph is unobtainable.

Do you want a pretty ring, watch, locket, medal or anything in the jewelry line? The most reliable man in the city is Voigt, 725 7th street northwest. He keeps the finest jewelry in the

### An Innovation in Sleeping Car Service

Introduced by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Commencing Monday, February 13, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will introduce a new feature in its Sleeping Car Service, between Baltimore and Newark, Ohio, inaugurating what will be known as the "Ordinary" Sleeping Cars, in addition to the regular Standard Sleeping Cars. One of these cars will be attached to Train No. 7, leaving Baltimore at 7:00 p. m. and arriving in Newark at 10:21 a. m. next day, returning on Train No. 8, leaving Newark at 8:30 p. m. and arriving in Baltimore at 12:53 p. m. next day.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is the first line to introduce this service in the eastern territory for special accommodation of the travelling public. In these "Ordinary" Sleepers the Pullman rate is reduced one-half, so that passengers have the choice of paying the higher Pullman rate and occupying Standard Car or take advantage of the cheaper rate and occupying the "Ordinary" Sleeper.

These cars are new, have been especially constructed for this service, and differ from the Standard Sleeping Cars only in being less elaborately furnished. The seats are upholstered in rattan, and the sleeping berths, when made up, have all the comforts and conveniences of the Standard Cars.

Tickets will be on sale at regular Pullman ticket offices, handling business between these cities.

### "OLD FOLKS AT HOME."

We have just received a copy of the finest variations on "Old Folks at Home" that has ever been issued in America. Composed by J. R. Lerman. It is a grand and showy piano composition, brilliant and not too difficult, suitable for concerts, exhibitions and parlor entertainments. It winds up with an elegant Negro Rag time finale on this most beautiful melody. The title page is very handsome and contains a correct photo-engraving of Adelina Patti, the great singer. All good players on the piano should be in possession of a copy. Price 75 cents retail. All readers of our paper will receive a copy post paid, by sending 25 cents in silver or postage stamps to the Union Musical and Novelty Co., No. 20 East 14th St., New York.

### HORN THE TAILOR.

If you want a first-class spring suit made to order, don't fail to call on Horn, the tailor. Mr. Horn has just received a new line of goods and if you want a suit made cheaper than you can have it done elsewhere in the city, call and see Mr. Horn. You



don't want to delay in going to see Mr. Horn. Spring is almost here and you don't want to be without a first-class suit of clothes. It is not the man who charges the most for clothing and has a big name that is always the best tailor. Mr. Horn, is a good tailor and the cheapest and one of the best in the city. He will give you what you ask for. He will not make any misrepresentation to you, but will give you what he says.

### NEGRO PROGRESSION.

Rev. G. W. Moore of Nashville, Tenn., has been making some investigations relative to the progress of the negro in professional life. He states that in 1895 there were 1,319 students taking professional courses in colored schools and 76 graduates in theology, 124 students and 24 graduates in law, 286 students and 30 graduates in medicine and 6 graduates in pharmacy; 126 students and 40 graduates as trained nurses, 25 schools of theology, 5 schools of law and 6 schools of medicine. He further states since 1897, there have been 196 graduates who received diplomas from reputable medical colleges making a total of 805. There are 12 schools for training colored women as nurses. The Freedmen's Hospital of this city is the largest in the United States. The medical department of Howard University has graduated 253 colored doctors. Meharry Medical College of Nashville, Tenn., has graduated 340 in medicine, 35 in dentistry and 43 in pharmacy.

The law department of Howard University is the largest and best in the South. Quite a number of colored men have graduated from Yale, Harvard, Boston University and the University of Michigan. There are 400 colored lawyers in the United States, 1000 seminary trained men and 2000 more classed as educated are in the ministry—Rev. George W. Moore's letter in the Utah Plain Dealer.

### CHARLES HURDLE.

Mr. Charles Hurdle, whose place of business is at 327 Penn. avenue n. w. is a man of enterprise. He is one of the old boys who is willing and ready at all times to accommodate his friends with fine wine, liquors, cigars and fresh beer daily. If you want to be treated well, call on Mr. Hurdle.



Augustine 473, 7th street, northwest, is where you can buy anything in the toy line. It is one of the greatest houses in the city. Just visit his place.

The leading house in the city for all kinds of fresh meats, is the Enrich Beef Company. See advertisement on front page. Stores in all parts of the city.

Do you want the best fresh candies in the city? Do you want candies that you pay 40 and 60 cent for elsewhere, at 918 7th street, for 15 cents a pound?

This is true. And if you are not satisfied your money will be refunded. The greatest Candy Kitchen in the city.

Frank Hume, the old reliable, 454 Pa. ave. northwest. Groceries by the wholesale and retail. All goods packed and delivered free. Call and see him.

Rudden's Furniture House, 833 7th street, n. w. You can get an outfit here cheap. Just drop in and be satisfied.

You are in need of cakes. Do you want first class cakes of all kinds, fresh every day? Go to 1007-1009 N. Y. ave. n. w. Don't delay. Large fruit, pound and other cakes made to order.

You may need drugs. You can't tell. We are all liable to be sick or to catch cold, you may need hair brushes, combs, or some fancy article. Cissel's, N. Y. ave. and 10th street northwest, the Palace Pharmacy, 11th and I sts. n. w., or Dr. L. H. Harris, cor. F and 3rd sts. s. w., are the places to go. These are all first class stores. Better than any in the city. Tell them you saw it in THE BEE. This is all that is necessary. They will do the rest, when you ask for it.

Don't forget your feet. You need first class shoes. Your wife is in need of shoes. Your daughter or son may need shoes. Do you know that Heilburn's 427 7th street northwest is the only first class shoe store in the city? Do you know that you can get shoes there for 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollars that will cost you 3, 5, 6 and 7 dollars elsewhere? This is a reliable shoe house. Call and be convinced.

You may be too poor to purchase a dress suit for Christmas or New Year, although you may desire to enjoy life just the same as others, but your limited means will not permit you. Don't worry, but call and see Mr. Ruth, the oldest stand in the city, 619 D street, northwest.

You have friends away you cannot go to see. You would like for them to see you. You cannot afford to visit them. Do you know that W. L. Price is the only man in the city who can make an exact likeness of yourself? Mr. Price is superior to any man in the city in his line of work. Go at once and have your picture taken. He is first class.

Your credit is good at Rhodes, Walker and Burke 1013 and 1015 7th street. Anything you want in the furniture line can be found at this place.

Make your best girl, or your sister, or your daughter a present of a first class piano. The best house in the city is Charles W. Stieff 521, 11 st. n. w. His terms are easy. No trouble to show you the goods.

Have you kinky hair? Go at once to S. Hellen, 720 7th st. n. w. You don't want such hair when you can have straight hair. Go and purchase a bottle of "take out kink." If it doesn't do as stated your money is refunded.

If you have no money and you are in need of the necessities of life, and you have no real estate, go to the only two reliable loan offices in the city. Burnside 361, Pa. ave. n. w. or Fulton's 1218 Pa. ave. n. w. It is not necessary to go broke when you can obtain all the money you want at either or both places.

If you have the real real estate go and see R. J. Marshall 508, 11 st. n. w. or E. R. Russell 1740 8th st. n. w.

If you go in South-Washington, call in and see Holmes, 333, Virginia ave. s. w., R. H. Keys, 443, 1 st. s. w., Edward Flynn, 735 Delaware ave. s. w.

Then there is Samuel G. Stewart, 1141, 7th st. n. w. This is one of the places you should visit.

The City Hall Buffet, 456 Louisiana, ave. n. w., James Stevens proprietor. He is an able gentleman.

Should you get tired in walking your rounds don't fail to visit Gray and Costley, 1313 E street, n. w. next to the National Theatre. First class in every particular. Fitted up with electric bells, electric lights, and anything you want in the eating line may be had at this house. When THE BEE says first class, you know what that means.

### GIVE US YOUR OPINION.

What would be the immediate economic effect if Congress should pass a law requiring every colored man, woman and child in the United States to deposit their money in the Capital Savings Bank, 609 F street northwest, and receive interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent per annum?

We want every colored man, woman and child to study this question thoroughly and become convinced that the men interested in the Capital Savings Bank are wide-awake regarding all matters likely to affect the interest of the race. They realize that our people have very difficult conditions to meet and that on every side there is keen competition. Hence the adoption of this method of calling the attention of the people to this one idea. "With economic care to save a pittance."

### THE MOST WONDERFUL DISCOVERY OF THE AGE.

### SCIENCE VS NATURE.



### ANGELINE

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### Hair Preparations

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the growth of the hair, and for curing the hair suitable for all complexions, and still allow the hair to retain its VITALITY, its LUSTRE and consequently its NATURAL GROWTH.

No Fake, No Humbug, No Experiment, BUT THE PEER OF THEM ALL.

### Angeline

is the some of scientific efforts and skill in coming kinky, stubborn, brittle and undesirable state of hair.

Angeline has stood the test of the world's greatest scientists and enters upon the market of the world, as a perfectly pure harmless discovery that will bring you a valuable adjunct in arranging it, if you will but give it a trial.

### Worth Its Weight in Gold.

Angeline is not made of highly perfumed vaseline like a great many "fake" preparations on the market today.

There is no part of a fine line entering into its composition. It is made from ingredients entirely different and distinct from anything in the market to-day and is composed of competent Chemists.

### What ANGELINE Will Do.

1.—Angeline will positively make kinky and stubborn hair straight. One application will prove to you conclusively, that there is efficacy in it.

2.—Angeline will stop the hair from falling out or breaking off, and will give to you an abundance of soft, pliable, straight and glossy hair.

3.—Angeline will actually make hair grow.

4.—Angeline will cure Eczema, Tetter, Dandruff and all the detestable diseases of the Scalp.

### \$50 REWARD

The Angeline Pomade Co., will give a reward of Fifty Dollars to any and all persons who use Angeline and after giving it a thorough and impartial trial, will make an affidavit that Angeline cures any injurious ingredients.

### GET IT A TRIAL

and it will do the rest. Price 50¢ per bottle; or 8 bottles for \$1.25. Sent absolutely packed to any part of the world.

SPECIAL.—Any person ordering a bottle of Angeline will receive a premium package of Blodan's Cocoa Almond Cream. Any person ordering 6 bottles of Angeline will receive a Harris Hair Straightener FREE.

Blodan's Cocoa Almond Cream is a delicate cream for the face and hands. It is made from the finest Cocoa, Almonds, Sugar, Vanilla and Rose. It is a perfect skin food and will keep the skin soft and smooth. It is a valuable adjunct in arranging the hair. For sale by this firm, price 50¢ per bottle.

No goods will be sent C. O. D. The return must accompany all orders or no return will be paid to it. In ordering always insist on Blodan's Cocoa Almond Cream. Money Order, or Registered Letter, return taken with orders not exceeding \$50. Send in stamps if you want your order to be mailed to arrive before the extra charge. Otherwise it will be sent by mail.

Angeline is sold by all druggists and chemists. Write for terms.

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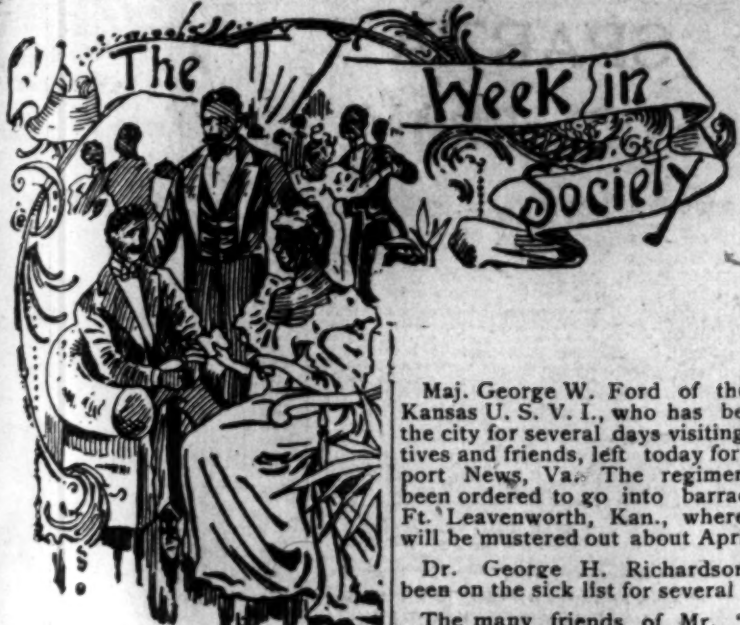
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Rev. C. S. Smith in the *Southern Christian Recorder* denounces Prof. Booker T. Washington's theory on industrial education as unsound.

The Athens *Clipper* states that the colored people in the South are doing away with emancipation celebrations.

Mr. Charles Stewart writes to the *American Baptist* that he and Bishop W. B. Derrick of Grenada, Miss., went from Durango to attending the annual conference of the North Mississippi Conference of the A. M. E. church. They went to the Postoffice to get their mail. Bishop Derrick presented himself to the general delivery window and the clerk looked and seeing that he was colored and without getting up, in a loud tone, asked, "Well, old nigger, what do you want?" Bishop Derrick replied, "The white clerk became very angry and insulting."

Governor Roosevelt indorses the movement to erect a monument to the negro soldiers who fell in the Spanish-American war.

Principal Brayton of the Raymond school of Chicago, who attempted to turn all the colored children out of school and have a white constituency, has been defeated, reports the Chicago *Conservator*.

Mr. Robinson Buckner of Pensacola, Fla., has returned to the city and will remain indefinitely.

Mr. A. L. Lawshe, Deputy Auditor for the Postoffice Department, has returned from Havana, Cuba, where he had been establishing a postal system similar to our own.

States of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

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## MUSICAL NOTES.

The choir of 19th St. Baptist church, under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Washington, has shown marked improvement since he has been its leader. It is now preparing for a song service which promises to be one of the best ever given in this city.

The marriage of Mr. Harry Thacker Burleigh, the famous baritone soloist to Miss Rebecca Louise Alston of this city created no surprise in local circles. It had been rumored ever since Williams and Walkers Company visited this city that this marriage would take place.

On account of the terrible blizzard the exercises which were to have been on Douglas Day in the public school were declared off, down at Randall school, Mrs. M. E. Tucker had arranged for a program including both vocal and instrumental solos.

Mr. Wm. Goodrich, the tenor who was heard recently at the Amphion-Hoffman concert sang in splendid voice.

Perhaps the largest choir in the city which is at the 19th St. Baptist church is under the direction of the youngest chorister, viz., Benjamin Washington, the choir has about fifty active members.

A good musical program was rendered in the public schools on Washington's birthday. At the High school Prof. J. T. Layton sang a bass solo and directed the large chorus of pupils.

## CITY BREVITIES.

District republicans are organizing. Col. M. M. Parker is the choice.

The exercises in the public schools on Tuesday were well attended.

The new municipal court bill is being opposed.

The Excise Board will grant some liquor licenses today.

Rev. W. P. Gibbons has arranged his matters satisfactory with those who caused his arrest. There was some misunderstanding which might have been avoided.

Miss Connie Borroughs will read before the Congressional Lyceum the second Sunday in March.

## WAR IS EXPENSIVE.

WHAT IT COSTS TO FIRE THE BIG GUNS OF WAR VESSELS.

Thirteen Inch Guns on the Oregon Require Over a Ton of Powder for a Single Charge—Some Astonishing Figures and Comparisons.

It is only by going into details of what the shrews of war actually cost that one understands how this government has been spending \$1,000,000 a day, or thereabouts, during all the weeks of fighting and preparation for fighting. Thousands of tons of gunpowder, for instance, have been bought at prices ranging from \$1 a pound downward. A ton of gunpowder seems a goodly quantity until one learns that it would not even suffice for a single discharge of the four thirteen-inch guns on the Oregon. These four guns eat up powder at the rate of twenty-two tons an hour—\$44,000 an hour. If the powder cost \$1 a pound—and some of the bombardments have lasted many hours. I am assuming that these four guns keep up a steady firing at their maximum rate of one shot in three minutes, and that being the case, the heaviest item in the expenses is still to be counted, for each one of these 1,100-pound projectiles costs \$900, which gives \$5,600 every time the four guns go off, or \$72,000 for an hour's firing.

But there are other guns on the Oregon, many other guns, and to find out what an hour's firing of a big battleship will cost, we must take all these into consideration. A single shot from one of the eight-inch guns costs \$200, and there are eight of these, so that a single round from them costs \$1,600. But their fire is much more rapid than that of the thirteen-inch guns; each one can be discharged once in a minute, or sixty times in an hour, which would give \$96,000 for an hour's firing by them all, assuming it be kept up continuously.

Then there are five five-inch guns, and a round from the five costs about \$200. But again the fire increases very much in rapidity, so that we may count 240 rounds an hour, or a cost of \$48,000.

Thus, for these three classes of guns alone, we have an expense per hour during continuous firing of \$216,000, or more than the President's salary for his whole four years. It may be that such continuous firing of all the guns would never take place in actual practice, but the figures may stand for purposes of illustration. And, of course, nothing has yet been said of the many guns of smaller caliber which are on the Oregon; there are the six-pounders, which throw out a shot each five seconds; there are the three-pounders, the one-pounders, the five-seven millimeter rifles, the thirty-seven millimeter revolving cannon, and the wonderful machine guns, which discharge eighty-one projectiles a minute, or 4,800 projectiles an hour.

Just how many thousands of dollars per hour must be added to our estimate for the consumption of these guns is a matter of expert calculation, but it is evidently well within the truth to assume that the Oregon could fire away \$1,000,000 worth of powder and projectiles in a single day's fighting, using only the hours of daylight. And each one of the other big battleships could do the same. And still we have not taken into account all the cruisers and other fighting craft, each one of which would be blazing away, we may be sure, and using up money according to her best capacity. Let us now consider the cost of ammunition used by a regiment of infantry in an hour's fighting. This is a matter of easy calculation, since it is known that the Krag-Jorgensen cartridges cost \$18 a thousand. It is merely necessary to estimate how many cartridges would be used. Assuming a full regiment, of 1,000 men, and allowing each man to shoot once in five seconds, which is slower than he would shoot, we will have twelve thousand shots fired every minute, or 720,000 shots in an hour, which number of cartridges, at the rate just mentioned, will cost \$12,960. And that is an estimate for a single regiment, firing for a single hour. What it would cost for a whole army to fire for a whole day and then go on firing for many days, is again a matter for expert calculation. But it is easy to see how this would eat into the millions of dollars.

## The Leopard and the Pan.

One day a worthy Kulu housewife came out from her cooking, and, standing on the ledge of rock at her door, emptied a pan of boiling water into the rank herbage growing below. It fell, splash, on the back of a sleeping leopard, who jumped perpendicularly into the air as high as the roof of the hut. What might have happened next? Who can say? But the astonished woman dropped the pan with a clang upon the rock, and the leopard took one leap down hill. The pan followed, and the leopard's downward leaps became longer and swifter as the pan bounded after it from rock to rock.

When last seen the leopard had just achieved a leap of about 350 feet to the very bottom of the ravine, thousands of feet below, and the pan had whirled about 500 feet over it on to the opposite side. The leopard would have eaten the old woman with pleasure; but the pan which first scalded half the hide off him and then bounded clanging in his wake from the top of the Himalayas to the plains below was something which he could not face.

## Arabs at Omdurman.

The Arab mode of attack was quaint to a degree; formed in a line, each tribe advanced against a part of the village. When about five hundred yards from the mud houses they halted and commenced to dance, brandishing spears and swords in the air and firing off rifles. After a few moments they resumed the advance, dancing and firing all the while (in the air), when suddenly, with a yell, they rushed at the houses, and, having effected an entrance, they slaughtered every one within.

A Laplander will often skate 150 miles in a day.

## A WAKE-UP ROUTE.

The Vicissitudes of the Business and Why the Projector Gave It Up.

"In the course of my hustling," said a man who has done many things for a living, "I got up once in a Western town a wake-up route, waking up people that wanted to get up at some fixed hour in the morning. It was a lively town, with a lot of people in it that made a practice of sitting up nights, and who found it hard work to get up in the morning, and I had no trouble in getting subscribers. I had hard work in serving 'em all. My man had to move sharp to get around to 'em all in time. He couldn't stay and argue with a man that was stupid and sleepy. If he wouldn't get up after fair warning he had to let him go, and it was this that finally made trouble, because these men wanted to be waked up with a club, so to speak. If necessary, and while my man was punctually itself and never failed to be there at the appointed hour and to wake the man up, yet he was a slight and rather delicate man and he couldn't enforce his demands, quite aside from the question of having time to stay. Some big burly chap would say to him:

"You go way or I'll break you in two," and what could my man do? "But in the morning these folks would always be sorry they hadn't got up and I suppose that was natural enough, but they used to come to the office and kick because I hadn't got 'em up. They said they'd contracted to be got up and they wanted to be got up."

"Well, I stood this sort of nonsense for a while and then I imported a waker-up from the East, a powerful, up-to-date slugger, who could wake up anybody at any hour of the night, no matter how sound asleep he might be and keep him awake. I sent this man out one night with my little man for a pilot. It was like this:

"They'd go into the man's room, and the little fellow'd do the talking.

"Come now," he'd say, "it's time to get up."

"You go 'way," says the sleeper.

"No," says the little man, "you want to get up right now, and if you don't I'm going to get you up."

"And in a minute or less the big fellow would tackle him. He'd wake him up all right, and the sleeper realized in a minute every time what had happened. Then they'd go at it, right there; but my man was a hummer with a loud hum, and he cleared out his man every time in short order. He licked every subscriber that morning in an hour and forty minutes.

"But I knew that while we could lick 'em easy in detail, we couldn't begin to touch 'em in a bunch, and they were sure to come; and so along in the morning, before they'd got around, we moved out.

## Four Lions Weigh a Ton.

"What does a lion weigh?" Those who know the look of the king of beasts best, and how small his little body really is, will probably come farthest from the truth. About 300 to 350 pounds is a usual estimate. But a full-grown lion will tip the scales at no less than 500 pounds. Five hundred and forty pounds is the record for an African lion. His bone is solid and heavy as ivory.

The tiger runs the lion very close. A Bengal tiger, killed two years ago by an English officer, scaled 520 pounds. A tiger this size has, however, considerably more muscular strength than the biggest lion.

Few people know that a grizzly bear can give points to any other carnivorous animal in point of strength. A grizzly bear, weighing just four hundredweight, has been watched carrying a heavier two-thirds its own weight for two miles up the most steep and rugged mountain side, and this without pausing for one instant for rest. The big white Polar bear, though not really so dangerous a customer, is capable of performing the most extraordinary feats of strength. A polar bear has been seen to move with his paws a boulder six men had with difficulty put in position to guard a cache of provisions.

## Machine Work and Hand Work.

There are many people now living who can remember when joiner work, including even flooring and ceiling, was nearly all planned by hand—a laborious process that did not in most cases include thickening, and was consequently an inferior method, except perhaps as to finished surfaces; and even this exception is not to be made in comparison with the fixed knife planing machine employed in Europe and, more notably, with smoothing machines invented in the United States.

Measured by manual energy, which may be taken as 2,500 foot-pounds, or one-thirtieth of a horse power, for a strong man, it would take 120 men to equal the planing machine before named; but there is a difference in favor of the machine in the guidance and application of the cutting edges that justifies the ratios before named. These comparisons convey an idea of the extraordinary economic results of machinery attained in the principal processes of wood-conversion. They seem incredible, but there are no longer means of comparing, because values are now adjusted to the machine product alone, and hand-work no longer exists.—The Engineering Magazine.

## The Costliest Bean on Earth.

It is not generally known that the vanilla bean is the costliest bean on earth. It grows wild and is gathered by the natives in Papantla and Misantla, Mexico. When brought from the forests these beans are sold at the rate of \$2 50 per 1,000, but when dried and cured they cost about \$2 50 per pound. They are mainly used by druggists, and last year over 90,000,000 beans were imported into this country.

## Nails Never Grow Equally.

The nails of two fingers never grow with the same degree of rapidity. The nail of the middle finger grows with the greatest rapidity, and that of the thumb least. It has been computed that the average growth of the finger nail is one-thirtieth-second of an inch per week, or a little more than an inch and a half per year.

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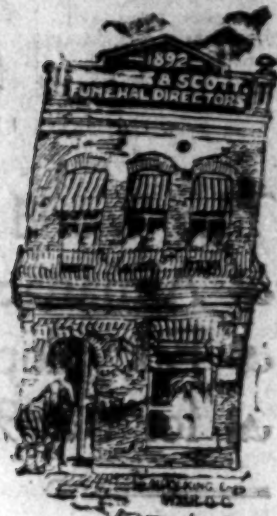
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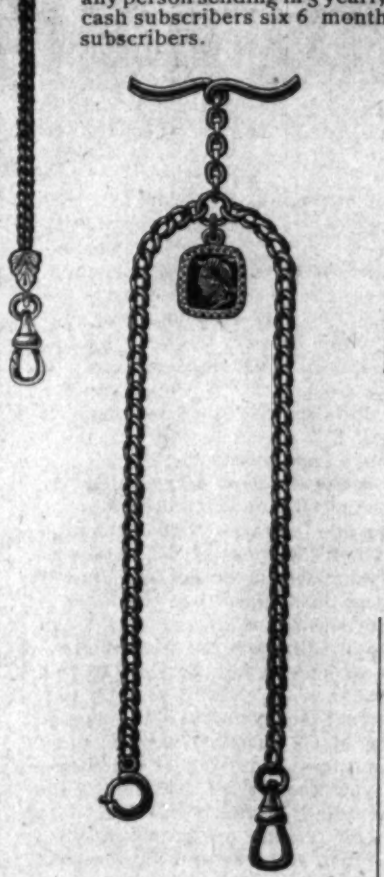
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They sweep o'er hill and marsh and  
main,  
Then, with their swift and joyous  
flight,  
Lo! they are here again!

Or low or high it little reck,  
Or far or near it is the same,  
Their rapid undulation flecks  
The world with hints of flame.

O fair and tireless ones, my thought  
Doth chafe within its fleshly bond;  
I too would rise, impeded not,  
To the serene beyond.

—Julia P. Dabney.

## A RASCAL FOILED.

Judge William Richards was putting away his papers one winter afternoon, preparatory to leaving the office for the day, when he was interrupted by the entrance of a tall, well dressed young man, who said he wished to consult him on a very important matter. It was the holiday season, and the judge was the last one left in the large office building, but he acceded to his visitor's request and courteously offered him a chair.

The stranger took a cigar from his pocket and lighted it, glancing sharply about the room meanwhile and spoke in a brisk, business-like manner. "Judge Richards," he said, "before telling you my name and business I wish to mention a few incidents in your past life and also to touch on your circumstances at present. I see you are surprised, but I wish you to see that I know a good deal about your affairs; then my business with you will be more readily understood."

The judge nodded, wondering. "At the age of 21," the stranger continued, "you commenced practicing law in this city. A year later you disappeared out west and were gone two years. Almost immediately after you came back you made a great 'hit' with a brilliant speech, and business began to come your way. You settled down, worked hard, and your success was great. You have a big practice, are an ex-circuit judge, and 18 months ago you missed an election to Congress by only a few hundred votes. Another election comes up within six months, and you are sure of winning. Mining investments you made out in Colorado have yielded enormous returns, and you are reported to be worth between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Your social position is high, and—pardon me—in ten days you are to be married to Miss Holt, the only daughter of Senator Holt, the most distinguished and aristocratic man of this section of the country. I am right so far, I believe?"

"Yes," replied the lawyer, "right enough, but I must say I fail to see how my private history can affect any legal business you may have with me."

The stranger laughed easily. "Perhaps when you hear my business you may not call it strictly legal. Judge Richards—he paused to relight his cigar—"I am a little hard up at present, and so I came to you. I want \$10,000."

"Oh, you do?" ejaculated the astonished judge.

"Exactly—\$10,000. The day before yesterday you deposited \$15,000 in the First National Bank. Most of it, I believe, was to go for a certain ornament you are to give to a certain young lady, but I want \$10,000 of it and must have it. Blackmail you understand?"

"Well, I'll be d—!" said the judge faintly.

"Yes," laughed his visitor. "You certainly will be, socially and politically, if you do not provide for my necessities."

"Well, you certainly are a cool one," ejaculated the judge, slowly recovering from his astonishment, "but before I turn over this trifling sum to you, perhaps you will kindly enlighten me as to the obligation I am paying off with it."

The judge had recovered enough to be ironical, but hardly very angry as yet.

"That's only fair. Hear one part of my story that I omitted a moment ago. While out west you met a certain May Robbins. Remember her?"

The lawyer made no reply.

"Well, I had a talk with her some time ago, and she says that she is your wife. What do you think of that?"

"Think of it? I think that it is an unmitigated lie."

"Oh, indeed? Well, what do you think of this?" And he took from his pocketbook a folded sheet of note paper, and handed it to the judge.

He read slowly:

My Darling May:—I got to the Point all safe in the night and leave for the coast early in the morning. I will send for you and the little one in a few weeks. The sheriff managed to wing me, but it is nothing serious. Your affectionate husband,

W. H. R.

The judge looked keenly at his visitor.

"Well?"

"This is your writing I believe?"

The judge nodded.

"And the initials of your name form the signature. Now what do you suppose would happen if I showed that note to Senator Holt?"

For reply the lawyer tore it into small bits and tossed them into the fire.

"Oh, that's all right!" said the other cheerfully. "You surely don't sup-

pose I was a big enough fool to give you the original, do you? That was a copy—tracing paper, you know.

Now, judge"—and he dropped his bantering face—"come down to business. You don't want Senator Holt to see that note. Give me \$10,000, and in 24 hours the note shall be in your possession, and I will be out of the way."

"Pshaw, man," said the lawyer contemptuously, "don't be a fool! Don't you suppose that a note like that can be explained away? If your woman—what's her name, May Robbins—has any documents, bring them out and I may talk to you, but in the meantime I intend to see that you work out your term in the penitentiary."

"But you acknowledge your writing?" asked the stranger, ignoring the threat.

"Yes, I wrote that note, but if you know anything about it at all you know that I wrote it for that gentlemanly thief and all around scoundrel, Harry Roberts, after the Sheriff had shot him through the hand and he could not write for himself."

His visitor lighted a fresh cigar and gazed calmly up to the ceiling.

"Judge," he said, "I hardly expected you to give in just because of that note, but I thought I might as well try it at first—just as a feeler, you might say. Now listen to me. We are alone here. No one is around to listen. I never like to bluff when I hold a good hand. So I am going to make honest confession, and if my soul don't profit by it, maybe my pocket will. I know as well as you do that that woman is not your wife, but I must have money, and I would not hesitate to swear that she is Harry Roberts, who afterward married her, saved your life when you first came out to that country a 'tender-foot.' So when he got in trouble and had to skip out he came up to your cabin on the Point with his hand all smashed to flinders, and you felt called on to write that note to his wife for him and to help him out of the country. He was caught however, and hung afterward, so he is out of the way."

"Now the case stands this way: I am a tolerably well educated man myself, and it was no great trouble for me to take May's marriage certificate and make William Henry Roberts read William Herndon Richards. If you remember May, she is unscrupulous. I had a friend in the clerk's office, and I managed to get in there and change the license the same way. So you see we have documents a-plenty. You'll give me the \$10,000 before noon tomorrow or I will show your note to Senator Holt and commence legal proceedings to compel you to provide support for your wife, nee Robbins."

The judge was mad clear through now, and he rose up and started for his visitor with blood in his eye. The stranger sprang behind the table.

"Easy, now," he cried, "or I'll let you have it through the pocket." And the lawyer saw that he was grasping a pistol in the side pocket of his coat. He was by no means a coward, but he did not care to run against a pistol bullet. He took his seat again.

"That's better," commented the stranger. "There is no need of violence in this matter, I hope. I don't want to hurt you. Just cool down a little and consider my proposition for a few minutes; then tell me what you think of it."

"I don't have to consider to tell you that you are the most unmitigated liar and scoundrel unhung!" said the judge, keeping his temper with difficulty. "But I don't suppose that a man who is so shameless as to confess himself the lying blackguard that you have to me can be affected by anything I can say, so I will spare myself the trouble of expressing my opinion of you. But you are as great a fool as liar. Admitting that you have the license and certificate—which I have no proof of except the word of a confessed liar—don't you know that it would be the easiest thing in the world for me to prove by dozens of people in Red Gulch that Roberts and this woman were living together as man and wife and that I lived by myself? Don't you know?"

"Now judge," interrupted the stranger in his turn, "I didn't try any bluff on you, but up and told the whole truth like an honest man, and yet here you are a-bluffing already. Nobody knew whether this woman was married to Roberts or not, and nobody cared. The class of women who lived in a mining town like that was not usually over-particular as to their morals. Besides, Red Gulch is a dead town now, and has been dead for five years. Where would you go to find a single man whom you knew there seven years ago? Now listen to me. Suppose you don't give me the \$10,000? What happens? I go to the senator with my proofs; the senator puts his foot down on a certain marriage; you say it is all a blackmailing lie; the senator says my evidence looks pretty strong; that you must prove it a lie. Then you have a nice job on your hands. You have got to hunt up a lot of people that you have not heard of for years, and if you should happen to find some of them not one would be able to swear that the Robbins woman was married to Roberts or was not married to you. All of that would take time and money and accomplish nothing in the end."

"On the other hand, give me the money—and \$10,000 is cheap, too, I tell you—and in 24 hours all the documents are in your possession, and I am out of the way. If you don't, think what my little story to the senator means for you."

The judge obediently thought, and it was not pleasant thinking. He did not believe that the woman could win the case with her forged documents, but this fellow was just the kind of a shakedown to go to the senator with his story and then to law. The senator would certainly postpone the wedding, and there would be a long delay. Even though his daughter did not believe the story, she would suffer. Of course there would be endless talk and gossip. The story would be in the papers, old pranks of his younger days would be raked up, and even though he cleared himself finally there would be a bitter sting left. There would be many to say that where there was so much smoke there must be some fire. Then his political aspirations! The election was to come off in six months. Nice campaign material this scandal would make for his opponents!

These thoughts and many more flashed through the judge's mind, and he glared at his visitor savagely. He hadn't a doubt that he meant every word that he said. Through his light bantering tone there ran a vein of earnestness and confidence that was more dangerous than any loud blustering would have been. He was confident that he had a "good thing" whether the judge paid up now or not.

The judge's good thing seemed to lie between paying out \$10,000 in cash or having a big scandal on his hands. Suddenly a smile flashed across his face, and then the lips were compressed tightly. The stranger did not notice the change of expression.

"Well," said the judge, "I must confess that this is a pretty tight place. Maybe we could discuss it better over a drop of liquor."

He arose and opened a handsome mahogany cabinet that fitted snugly over the low mantel. In another minute whisky, water, sugar and glasses were placed hospitably on the table.

"Fill your glass," said the lawyer, graciously. "Ten thousand dollars is enough money to deserve some consideration before being parted with. Bring your chair around in front of the table. It must be cold back there."

He pulled his chair close up to the fire and the stranger did likewise, so that they were sitting right in front of the grate, with their faces not four feet from the smouldering flames.

Anyone looking in would have thought that they were two old friends taking a social evening toddy together.

"Now, then, sir, your scheme is simply to blackmail me out of \$10,000, I believe?"

"Exactly so, judge."

"And you think you have a pretty good thing?"

"Sure of it."

"If I understand you rightly, you say I must give you this money, or you will go to Senator Holt and tell him that I have a wife living out west, and then you will go to law to force me to give money to this woman, but if I give you the \$10,000 you promise to turn over the proofs to me and leave the country?"

"Yes, that's just it."

"At the same time you admit that all these documents of yours are forgeries and that the letter you have of mine was written for another man who happened to have my initials?"

"Oh, of course I know all that, but if you let it go to law I wouldn't hesitate to swear just the opposite, and I defy you to prove that I am lying."

"Well, you certainly are candid. Aren't you a little afraid to acknowledge all this so boldly?"

"Not a bit of it."

"Maybe you are right," muttered the judge. "Just wait a minute."

He stepped over to the big desk in the corner, and when he returned he was grasping a pistol.

"Now my young friend," said he, pointing it at the visitor's head, "you sit where you are and listen."

He reached in the cabinet over the mantel and touched a spring. There was a phonograph concealed in the back of it. The judge had started it when he got out the brandy. Now he reversed it and attached a funnel-shaped device, and the whole of the conversation came out in tones that could be heard all over the room. The judge sat in his chair, holding his pistol and smiling pleasantly.

The stranger's face was a study. Surprise, rage, fear came and went, and were finally succeeded by a look of comical disgust.

When the last word was finished the lawyer could hold in no longer, and burst into a hearty laugh. The stranger glanced up in surprise, and his look of cool impudence returned.

"Judge, I tell you what we'll do. Give me \$100 and we'll call it square."

"Cool as ever, are you, my cheerful liar?" laughed the other. "Now maybe you will tell me why I should not send you to the penitentiary?"

"Oh, you don't want to do that. You are going to be married next week, you know, and you would not like to think that your marriage meant the beginning of a long term of suffering to one of your fellow mortals."

The judge was so pleased at getting out of what a little while before had seemed a tight place that he laughed again.

"Well," said he, "you come back here to-morrow at 9 o'clock and bring all your little documents with you, and we will see what is to be done. In the meantime you need not try to slip out of town, for I am going to put the police to watching you right away, and, my boy, before you try this kind of thing again let me advise you to study up all the latest appliances for thief catching," and they walked down the stairs together.

Just as they reached the street a handsome double seated sleigh dashed up, and a sweet voice said: "Oh, William, we have been looking for you! Come and take tea with us, won't you?"

"Thanks! Delighted!" And the judge threw away his cigar and climbed in.

His late visitor plunged his hands in his pockets and stood looking after him blankly and said, "Just my infernal luck!"

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